

**LAFAYETTE PARISH SCHOOL BOARD
BOARD RETREAT MEETING**

Friday and Saturday, January 26-27, 2007 - 9:00 A. M., Avery Island

Carl J. LaCombe, President, Presiding

The School Board of the Parish of Lafayette, State of Louisiana, met at the Marsh House, Avery Island, Louisiana, on Friday, January 26 and Saturday, January 27, 2007 pursuant to notice given in writing to every member.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Carl J. LaCombe, President; David Thibodaux, Vice-President; Hunter Beasley, Michael Hefner, Russell Meyer, Edward J. Sam, and Rae Trahan, Board Members; James H. Easton, Secretary-Treasurer/Superintendent

MEMBERS ABSENT: Gregory P. Awbrey and Rickey Hardy

SESSION I: Dale Bayard, BESE Member

Mr. Bayard provided the Board with an insight into the Board of Elementary and Secondary Education (BESE), their function, how they operate, what they do and how it impacts school districts. Also discussed was the MFP formula and Hold Harmless parishes.

SESSION II: The Honorable Judge Richard Haik

Judge Haik reviewed with the Board the the desegregation lawsuit which began in the late 60's and ended in 2006. The judge asked the Board to continue to do what is right for students and the community by continuing to give students the opportunities to succeed.

SESSION III: Board Members

Mr. Hefner presented a power point presentation on the Modern Rules of Order which can be easily adapted with its simple set of rules, allows for normal making of motions, allows Board President to get a general consensus to direct Superintendent to get information, promotes fairness and allows Board to move on once a point is made.

SESSION IV: James H. Easton, Ed.D, Superintendent

Dr. Easton reviewed the Superintendent and Board Relationships as described by law and policies, and the focus of what is in the best interest for students. He also discussed the importance of creating a partnership, cohesion and having respect for different roles and mutual expectations, which help build relationships for the children we are honored to serve.

SIGNED:

/s/ Carl J. LaCombe

Carl J. LaCombe, President
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SIGNED:

/s/ James H. Easton

James H. Easton, Ed.D., Secretary-Treasurer
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